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Dillsburg Shopping Mall final plan defeated by board

By Mary Lou Bytof

No light, no shopping center

That's what the Carroll Township Board of Supervisors have insisted for almost a year. So, when the final land development plan for the Dillsburg Shopping Mall was presented to the board for final approval Tuesday evening, it was defeated for lack of traffic signal and highway occupancy permits.

Supervisors Norman H. Shelly, Jr., and David Lavertue said they want all the paperwork for the road and light to be submitted to PennDOT before they will consider approving the plan. A motion by Board Chairman Larry Eichelberger to approve the final plan contingent upon meeting certain stipulations, which included the traffic signal, was defeated for lack of a second to the motion.

"With a project this big, I want to be sure that everything is squared away," Supervisor Shelly said.

The strip shopping center will be located off Route 15, between Orchembank and Siddonsburg Roads. According to the plan, it will include a grocery store, bank, department store, drug store and several small retail stores.

The center will be flanked by two fast food restaurants, one on Siddonsburg Road and one on Orchembank Road.

A dialogue between the supervisors and Jerry Stahlman, project engineer, revealed that the two parties had conflicting interpretations of PennDOT's requirements.

"What you're trying to do is put the cart before the horse," Stahlman told the supervisors. "I know they (PennDOT) are not going to justify it (a traffic light) without a project."

Stahlman said the developer already has agreed to enter into a contract with the township to apply for, install, and maintain a traffic signal on Route 15.

"Don't hold us hostage," Stahlman told the board. The land on which the shopping center will sit is "extremely expensive," and the longer the board stalls, the less likely the project will be pursued, he said.

Shelly assured Stahlman that he will help by contacting Jerry Weible, the head of the permit department for PennDOT.

If the situation cannot be resolved within one week, the supervisors have agreed to meet with Weible and Stahlman. This was proposed by Eichelberger.

The clock is winding down for the project, Eichelberger indicated. The final land development plan must be approved by January 18, 90 days following the planning commission's recommendation.

The board is scheduled to act on the final plan at its December 27 meeting.

In addition to resolving the traffic signal situation, Shelly added that he needs reassurance from the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) that everything is fine on the site.

In other business, the supervisors announced that they received a letter from Police Chief A.W. (Bill) Castle stating his intention to retire in March 1992.

The supervisors also received a letter from the Upper Allen Ambulance Association indicating an investigation will be conducted by the Emergency Health Services Federation in New Cumberland concerning procedures used by the Citizens Hose Company Ambulance Association in Dillsburg. The investigation is based on two incidents which occurred last month and involved

Upper Allen ambulances being called to two separate traffic accident scenes in the township and was cancelled by the Dillsburg association, according to Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Carl.

The supervisors asked for the cooperation of the Carroll Township Police Department and Carl.

The board also heard a complaint from resident Fred Capria of Carroll Manor. Capria presented a petition signed by neighbors who are opposed to an auto upholstery business at 100 Locust Way. He and other neighbors attending the board meeting asked the supervisors to explain why the Zoning Hearing Board would not accept their petition.

They were told that the hearing board needed facts instead of signatures.

High speed chase ends in crash

By David March

Daniel E. Abel, 29, of Honeyuckle Drive, Mechanicburg crashed into the rear of a Carroll Township Police cruiser after leading State Police in a 15 minute high speed chase.

State Trooper Mowery said he was running radar on Old York Road in Warrington Township when Abel's 1981 Ford Escort went through at a high rate of speed.

The Trooper said when he attempted to stop the Abel vehicle it turned right onto South York Road. Abel then turned left onto

Ridge Road in Monaghan Township, right onto Chestgrove Road, passed Al-Pat Drive,

drove over the railroad tracks, coming out at the old Rosegarden Bridge onto Old Route 15, took a left, and proceeded back onto Route 15 South via Spring Lane Road.

Carroll Township Police Chief Bill Castle sighted the vehicle at Chestnut Grove and Ridge Roads and gave chase.

Once both vehicles were South on Route 15, Castle said he passed the Abel vehicle at a high rate of speed, then slowed his police cruiser and Abel crashed into the rear of the cruiser.

The crashed occurred 200 feet south of Old Route 15.

Both drivers suffered minor injuries in the crash. State Police believe alcohol is involved. Charges are pending against Abel.

Santa Claus is coming to town

You better watch out on Saturday, December 15 from 8 a.m. to whenever, because Santa Claus is coming to Dillsburg.

However, that flashing red light that will beacon his arrival will not be Rudolph's nose, but the Citizens Hose Fire Truck.

Santa's visit is being sponsored by the Dillsburg Jaycees. The jolly old elf will greet and hand out treats of oranges and candy canes to the children along the way.

To talk to Santa

On Sunday, December 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Santa Claus will set aside time at the North Pole to take calls from Dillsburg boys and girls for their Christmas wishes.

To talk to Santa, dial 432-9745 or 766-0142 at the above times. Santa's calls are sponsored by the Dillsburg Jaycees.

Christmas Craft Workshop

Sandy DeBolt, chairman of the Arts Committee, will conduct a Christmas Craft Workshop for members of the GFWC Woman's Club of Dillsburg on Tuesday evening, December 11.

The meeting will be held in the Monaghan Presbyterian Church Education Building at 7:30 p.m.

Gayle Yost and Luanne Peroni will serve as greeters.

Hosesses for the evening will be Sandy Stough, Carol Ann Cook, Susan Halkie, Jetsy Murray, Mary Lou Bytof and Joan Maljevac.

Abate officers selected

The Mason Dixon Chapter of Abate of Pennsylvania, held their election for 1991. Local officers include John Maljevac, Adams Co. Representative; Cheryl Little, Chapter Secretary; and Wayne Slothour, Adams Co. Sgt. at Arms.

Others also include: Tom Englerth, Chapter Coordinator; Joe Campagno, Chapter Sgt. at Arms; Alan Keith, Chapter Treasurer; Terry Hivner, York Co. Representative; Butch Rivera, York Co. Sgt. at Arms; Winn Thalheim, Franklin Co. Sgt. at Arms; Gail Fritz, Co. Member Officer; Sue Wagaman, Products Officer.

The next chapter meeting will be held on January 12, 1991 at JJ's in Boneauville at 2:30 p.m. The next county meeting will be held on January 5, 1991 at The Sunday House in East Berlin at 1 p.m.

For additional information on meetings and events, please call John Maljevac at 432-8509.



Photo by David March

Jerry Stahlman, mall project engineer and Township Supervisor Norm Shelly, Jr. are at odds over a traffic light dispute. Stahlman accused supervisors of holding up a million dollar plus project.



Photo by David March

Officer Keith Miller, Chief Bill Castle, Corporal Ray Taylor and Officer Jeffrey Martz

Officers receive commendations

By Mary Lou Bytof

Three Carroll Township police officers received certificates of appreciation for superior investigative work.

Corporal Ray Taylor was commended for an outstanding job in the burglary investigation of the Robert Grimm home. His investigation lead to the conviction of James Earl Barnes, a self-proclaimed professional burglar.

Police Chief A.W. (Bill) Castle said that the judge proclaimed that all of the cases involving Barnes, Taylor's was the strongest.

Officer Keith Miller was lauded for investigating motor

vehicle damages estimated at a cost of \$600. Miller's work lead to the arrest and conviction of the vandal.

Officer Jeff Martz also received a certificate for his investigation of a serious child abuse case which lead to an arrest and conviction.

"The amount of child abuse in the country is getting out of hand," Castle commented. "Officer Martz did an outstanding job," he added.

In his monthly report, Castle mentioned that there were 21 criminal investigations in the township during November, and the department had 21 incidents, the chief said.